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## Response to Amendment

This response is late in coming because the Office incorrectly entered the response filed by applicant on 6/19/00 as a copy of the previous response filed by applicant on 2/25/00.

- 1. The reply filed on 6/19/00 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant has not supplied *arguments* indicated why he believes the rejected claims should be allowable. Instead applicant has only supplied *statements* of conclusion without any supporting evidence. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given **ONE** (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- 2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Colilla whose telephone number is (703) 308-2259. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hilten can be reached on (703) 308-0719. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-5841 for regular communications and (703) 308-5841 for After Final communications.

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